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SUBJ: SWISS PLANS TO RATIFY THE NPT

1. FON OFF (VALLON, WESTERN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT) INFORMED
US IN CONFIDENCE THAT RATIFICATION OF NPT WILL BE ON AGENDA
OF FEDERAL COUNCIL, WITH POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FROM FON OFF
WHEN IT MEETS END OF AUGUST. FPD (FON OFF) PAPER STATES
THAT CONDITIONS SET BY GOS FOR RATIFICATION (CHIEFLY FRG'S
RATIFICATION) HAVE NOW BEEN FULFILLED. FEDERAL COUNCIL'S
ACCEPTANCE OF THIS POSITION IS REGARDED AS PRO FORMA.

2. FOLLOWING FEDERAL COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, NPT WILL THEN BE
SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT EITHER IN SEPTEMBER , OF IF FALL
SESSION AGENDA ALREADY TOO CROWDED, TO WINTER SESSION
IN DECEMBER. FONOFF ANTICIPATES NO DIFFICULTY IN
LEGISLATURE. INDICATIVE OF CURRENT LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE
OPPOSITION TO TREATY, FONOFF BELIEVES THAT BIGGEST PROBLEM
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WILL ARISE THROUGH TANGENTIAL ISSUE OF SWISS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

TO INDIA, IN LIGHT OF INDIA'S JOINING NUCLEAR CLUB.

3. CONCLUSION: PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR GOS DEPOSIT OF
INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF NPT IN 1975.

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